

"Six Way" Lamp Sources

This lamp comes in several varieties and sells for a range of prices. The least expensive I found was available from Lamps Plus, an internet source at

<http://www.lampsplus.com/htmls/prodlist.asp?search=45501> :

"Montebello Floor Lamp in Antique Brass

A beautiful traditional look with a chic twist thanks to the off-white stretched bell-shaped shade and four lamp design. Lamps easily adjust for up to six different levels of light output, from romantic to ample task lighting. Takes three 60 watt bulbs and one 150 watt bulb in a 3-way socket...

Compare at \$104.99 LAMPS PLUS Price \$69.99"

Another internet source, <http://www.esalton.com>, offers

the Stiffel BELLE 6-WAY FLOOR LAMP - SEF136SB for \$99.95, and the following descriptive remarks

"Illuminates an area with 50 to 330 Watts Requires (1) 3-way, 150 Watt and (3) 60 Watt medium light bulbs... The leader in lamp design and quality for over 70 years, Stiffel brings you their trademark Six-way floor lamp finished in an eye-catching Satin Brass. This Belle Six-Way floor lamp features more light than the conventional floor lamp. The center 3-way light bulb is surrounded by three additional standard light bulbs. Each of these light bulbs can be individually controlled to provide the right light for reading, entertaining..."

The most costly one turned up so far was also from Lamps Plus:

<http://www.lampsplus.com/htmls/prodlist.asp?search=33060>

"Stiffel Six-Way Floor Lamp (33060) Traditional elegance in a lovely Tiffina bronze finish...

Takes one 100 watt 3-way bulb in the center arm and three regular 100 watt bulbs in the side arms.

Compare at \$599.99 LAMPS PLUS Price \$399.99 This Item Ships FREE"

This lamp suggests overlapping wattages, and might provide an interesting counting exercise.

If you want to acquire such a lamp, you might look first at inexpensive antique stores. I've seen numerous such lamps in this type of store, though all needed some repair. The cost for the lamp with repair (especially if you do your own wiring) is lower than any of the above prices. Moreover, you might get lucky and find the rare variety that has an additional on-off switch for a fifth bulb in the base, which has been described to me as a night light. This doubles the levels to 32!